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Letter dated 5 February 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 15 January 2002 addressed to you by the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations (S/2002/71), in which an attempt is made to justify Saudi Arabia's expropriation of the Iraqi crude-oil pipeline, I should like to inform you that the rationale given is untenable and has no basis in international law or even in the Security Council resolutions relating to Iraq, despite their unjust character. The Government of the Republic of Iraq affirms that Saudi Arabia's decision to expropriate the Iraqi pipeline constitutes illegal seizure of assets whose ownership by Iraq is uncontested and that Iraq will pursue all means of legal redress in order to secure the return of its property. I refer in this connection to the facts adduced by the Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq in his letter dated 12 June 2001 addressed to you (S/2001/588, annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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